Health Record Infrastructure Improvements - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund	**FY2023 Request:** $30,000,000
	Reference No: 64172

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Information Technology / Systems / Communication

Category: Law and Justice
Location: Statewide
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The ability to exchange health information is critical to enabling work, education and health monitoring. The ability to readily share health records enables work as employers implement vaccine and testing requirements. The ability to readily share health records enables education by ensuring a safe learning environment for students and staff. Heath information exchange is also critical for public health monitoring of the COVID-19 pandemic occurences, mitigation, and response.

Funding:	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Total
1265 COVID Fed	$30,000,000						$30,000,000
Total:	$30,000,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$30,000,000

☐ State Match Required	☐ One-Time Project	☐ Phased - new	☐ Phased - underway	☐ Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		☐ Amendment	☐ Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

This request is associated with several prior requests relating to the State's Health Information Exchange (HIE) and Health Information Infrastructure.

Project Description/Justification:

This project contains two separate efforts that will improve the state's ability to enable work, education and health monitoring through a robust health information infrastructure.

The state's Health Information Exchange (HIE) system was established in 2010 under SB 133 and is codified into AS 18.23.300. The HIE connects Alaska hospital and provider Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems to provide optimal care to patients across the state's health care system. Additionally, the HIE provides electronic reporting capabilities to the divisions of Public and Behavioral Health, reducing provider burden and increasing timeliness of these important health data. The state's HIE is essential and allows for the ability to exchange health care data and patient records between relevant stakeholders in a safe, efficient, effective, equitable and patient-centered care environment.

This project will ensure the smooth transition of the state's HIE from Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) funding to Medicaid Management Information

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System/Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MMIS/MES) funding and ensure the stability of the state's HIE.

This project will also provide financial support to providers and hospitals to adopt, implement, or upgrade certified electronic health record technology that will work with the state's HIE to improve service delivery to Alaskans.

The purpose of this project is to promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans and ensure Alaskans have ready access to health care and their health care information.

The goals of the program include: 1) enhanced care coordination and patient safety; 2) reduced paperwork and improve efficiencies; 3) facilitate electronic information sharing across providers, payers, and state lines; and 4) enable data sharing using the state HIE and national health information network. Achieving these goals will improve health outcomes, facilitate access and simplify care.

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